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Title: COLD-BOX BINDERS CONTAINING AN EPOXY RESIN, ACRYLATE, AND CERTAIN ALKYL ESTERS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare the following:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter (if only one inventor) **an original, first and joint inventor** (if more than one inventor) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: COLD-BOX BINDERS CONTAINING AN EPOXY RESIN, ACRYLATE, AND CERTAIN ALKYL ESTERS

the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Express No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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